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SUBJECT: BURMA: ITALY PLANS LOW-LEVEL PARTICIPATION AT  
DONORS CONFERENCE

REF: A. SECSTATE 53985

[1](#)B. SECSTATE 55244

Classified By: A/DepPolCouns Gabriel Escobar, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered ref A and B demarches to MFA Southeast Asia Desk Officer Samuela Isoppi May 22 and 23, respectively, emphasizing USG concerns about the upcoming donors conference in Rangoon and lack of humanitarian access to large parts of Burma affected by Cyclone Nargis. Isoppi said Italy shared our worries, and had decided on low-level participation at the conference. (MFA Southeast Asia Office Director Alberto Vecchi will represent Italy.) Isoppi said Italy was consulting with EU partners in Rangoon, who may make a joint statement at the end of the conference, depending on its outcome. She said Italy will not announce any additional assistance at the conference, although it does plan to contribute another 1-2 million euros to cyclone relief efforts, commitments that were planned before the conference was announced.

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